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Shaw, the Chief of Satire

Some True Shavian Sayings

By CLARK KINNARD

IN this world if you do not say a thing in an irritating way you may just as well not say it at all, because people will not trouble about anything that does not trouble them.

Shaw has been writing and saying things in an irritating way all his creative life.

His golden rule is that there are no golden rules.

He avers that the common man does not want to live the life of a man of genius; he would much rather live the life of a pet collie, if that were the only alternative.

In his works you will find these epigrammatic violet-rays:

Any person under the age of thirty, who, having any knowledge of the existing social order, is not a revolutionist, is an inferior.

People who believe that truth, purity, unselfishness bring happiness do so for the same reason that a poor man worships riches, because they have no experience of them.

The difference between wisdom and folly has nothing to do with the difference between physical age and physical youth.

Beauty is all very well at first sight; but whoever looks at it when it has been in the house three days?

Men are always thinking that they are going to do something grandly wicked to their enemies; but when it comes to the point, really bad men are just as rare as really good men.

The children are all right when they call us grown-ups; that is the only difference between us and them. It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid.

There is only one religion, though there are a hundred versions of it.

What people call vice is eternal; what they call virtue is mere fashion.

An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only uncomfortable.

Man gives every reason for his conduct, save one; every excuse for his crime, save one; every plea for his safety, save one; and that is his cowardice.

We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.

SHAW observes that when a man has anything to tell in this world the difficulty is not in making him tell it, but to prevent him from telling it too often.

He finds that what a man believes may be ascertained, not from his creed, but from the assumptions on which he habitually acts.

More Shavian shavings: Make money; and the whole nation will conspire to call you a gentleman.

Ladies and gentlemen are permitted to have friends in the kennel, but not in the kitchen.

There are no perfectly honorable men; but every true man has one main point of honor and a few minor ones.

Poverty is not a thing to be proud of. Youth, which is forgiven everything, forgives itself nothing; age, which forgives itself everything, is forgiven nothing.

The most intolerable pain is produced by prolonging the keenest pleasure.

Charity is like pruriency; it feeds on the evil it pretends to abhor.

Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it.

When a stupid man is doing something he is afraid of, he always declares he is doing his duty.

Every step of progress means a duty repudiated and a Scripture torn up.

The most anxious man in a prison is the governor. Need makes everything.

HERE is a Shavian repast for the thoughtful, selected from various of his writings: Virtue consists, not in abstaining from vice, but in not desiring it.

No man is a match for a woman, except with a poker and a pair of hobnailed boots. Not always even then.

Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.

Do not love your neighbor as yourself. If you are on good terms with yourself it is an impertinence; if on bad, an injury.

Democracy cannot rise above the level of the human material of which its voters are made.

The worst sin towards our fellow-creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity.

People are seduced by romance because they are ignorant of reality.

Beware of the man whose god is in the skies. If we are better than our fathers, and our fathers were better than our grandfathers, and so on back to the days of Plato, how is it that the world now is neither better nor worse than Plato described it?

Every genuinely religious person is a heretic, and therefore a revolutionist.

Most of the fashionable pleasures are too miserable to bear thinking about. That is why intellect is so unpopular.

He who can, does; he who cannot, teaches. It is useless to declare that all men are born free if you deny that they are born good. Guarantee man's goodness, and his liberty will take care of itself.

Some More About Marriage

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Its Effect on the Two Sexes

MARRIAGE, if comfortable, is not at all heroic, observed Robert Louis Stevenson.

"It certainly narrows and damps the spirits of generous men," he wrote (in "Virginibus Puerisque").

"In marriage, a man becomes slack and selfish, and undergoes a fatty degeneration of his moral being. . . . The influence of the fireside withers out all the fine wildings of the husband's heart.

"He is so comfortable and happy that he begins to prefer comfort and happiness to everything else on earth, his wife included. Yesterday he would have shared his last shilling; today 'his first duty is to his family,' and is fulfilled in large measure by laying down vineyard and husbanding the health of an invaluable parent.

"Twenty years ago this man was equally capable of crime or heroism; now he is fit for neither. His soul is asleep, and you may speak without constraint; yet you will not wake him.

"It was not for nothing that Don Quixote was a bachelor and Marcus Aurelius married ill.

"For women there is less of this danger. Marriage is of so much use to a woman, opens to her so much more of life, and puts her in the way of so much more freedom and usefulness, that, whether she marry ill or well, she can hardly miss some benefit.

"It is true, however, that some of the merriest and most genuine of women are old maids; and that those old maids, and wives who are unhappily married, have often most of the true motherly touch. And this would seem to show, even for women, some narrowing influence in married life.

"But the rule is none the less certain: if you wish the pick of men and women, take a good bachelor and a good wife."

Truly Great

By WILLIAM DAVIES

My walls outside must have some flowers,

My walls within must have some books;

A house that's small; a garden large,

And in it leafy nooks.

A little gold that's sure each week;

That comes not from my living kind,

But from a dead man in his grave,

Who cannot change his mind:

A loving wife, and gentle, too,

Contented that no eye but mine

Can see her many charms, nor voice

To call her beauty fine:

Where she would in that stone cage live,

A self-made prisoner, with me,

While many a wild bird sang around,

On gate, on bush, on tree.

And she sometimes to answer them,

In her far sweeter voice than all,

Till birds, that loved to look on leaves,

Will dote on a stone wall.

With this small house, this garden large,

This little gold, this lovely mate,

With health in body, peace at heart—

Show me a man more great. —William Davies.

The Captain's Daughter

By JAMES THOMAS FIELDS

We were crowded in the cabin,

Not a soul would dare to sleep,

It was midnight on the waters,

And a storm was on the deep.

'Tis a fearful thing in winter

To be shattered by the blast,

And to hear the rattling trumpet

Thunder "Cut away the mast!"

So we shuddered there in silence,

For the stoutest held his breath,

While the hungry sea was roaring

And the breakers talked with death.

As thus we sat in darkness,

Each one busy with his prayers,

"We are lost!" the captain shouted,

As he staggered down the stairs.

But his little daughter whispered,

As she took his icy hand,

"Isn't God upon the ocean,

Just the same as on the land?"

Then we kissed the little maiden,

And we spoke in better cheer,

And we anchored safe in harbor

When the morn was shining clear.

REAL TOUGH LUCK

The tourist stopped his car in front of a cabin in the Kentucky mountains and climbed out.

"Could I get some water here for my radiator?" he inquired of the sad-faced man who came out to meet him.

"Sure, stranger," the man answered. "Just take this here bucket and help yourself."

As the tourist busied himself with the water he sought to pass the time of day.

"Nice little place you have here," he commented.

"You think so?" the native asked.

"Sure. Say, old man, you look kind of down-in-the-mouth; what's the trouble?"

"Trouble enough," the man replied. "Luck's all gone agin me lately. I've lost my team o' mules and my wife this month."

"Well, that is bad indeed," the tourist sympathized.

"Yeah," the man agreed. "And it sure was a good team o' mules I had, too."

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson

For stuffing the stomach is rough on the heart.

Picket fence or pallid face, a little paint improves the place.

Our office boy is now celebrating the grandmother's third annual death.

What an asinine boob The average man is, In the care of himself And that Lizzie of his.

Washing the mouth with anti-septics to cure "bad breath" is like painting iron without removing the rust.

A tonsil, a toxin and a decayed tooth: These are the causes of delayed youth.

Attention to Willie's teeth deprives him of his toothache and hinders another excuse for staying home from school.

If you're fifty years old And you're five feet eight, And your belt's forty-six Any you're 'way overweight— It's your diet.

When you run for a car And you blow like sin, And you flop in your seat And you plumb all in— It's your diet.

When you meet St. Peter, On the heavenly way, I'll bet four bits Old Peter will say: "Twas your diet, Old Top, 'Twas your diet."

An honest confession Is good for the soul; If it doesn't apply to The old swimmin' hole.

We eat too much of sweets and such when weight's around two hundred.

Masking a bad odor with one less objectionable is only "kidding" one's nostrils.

They grow it and thresh it, Then send it to mill; The jobbers all stock it, But we pay the bill.

Weather Lore: A dark hair on the coat lapel of a blonde woman's husband usually precedes a bad blow.

Obviously, a fetid breath due to the presence of decomposition in the crypts of diseased tonsils will disappear when the tonsils are removed.

When you're grouchy it's off the grub And not your club that makes you dub; There is no treatment half as good As eighteen holes for excess food.

We speak of "bad breath" when we mean bad mouth or bad nose. Objectionable odors on the breath are usually due to diseased gums, diseased tonsils, or some diseased condition involving the nose.

Money's important, I must confess, But money's no measure of a man's success.

An egotist is a fellow who wants to talk about himself when you want to talk about yourself.

Science knows no mystery; the mystic knows no science.

He is easily led who has blind faith in his bootlegger.

There is no truth that is not based on some scientific fact.

The ragweed's prolific, And the Lord only knows What we'll do in the autumn When the autumn wind blows.

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The Beacon Drug Store company, with headquarters at San Pedro, and establishments throughout the country, has reached a definite degree of excellence and serviceable customs in the perfect and magnificent scheme it has attained in the Torrance milestone—Beacon Drug Store No. 7.

Without a peer in decorative beauty and efficient service, this fine home of pure drugs and those things generally allied with the druggist's sphere of activity is one of the foremost additions to the ever-increasing mercantile district of this remarkable town. Opened in June, new and neat with its splendid wares, the Beacon Drug Store, under the capable guidance of A. E. Finster, has won public favor from the beginning. Nothing has been overlooked in the inclusion and arrangement of stocks; the prescription department is of the highest degree of efficiency; many lines of sundries are available; here is the Eastman agency, the Waterman pen headquarters, the local agency for Owl preparations and also for the popular Red Feather toilet preparations.

Mr. Finster is a native son, having been born at Santa Ana. He has been in the drug trade since he came out of the University of Southern California back in 1910. Over seven years with the Beacon institutions, this young man has a wide acquaintance throughout this part of the state. Finster is one of those affable and sincere gentlemen that one fondly hopes to find behind every counter where one is wont to take their trade. A man of high intelligence, Mr. Finster is most eager to please all those who enter his door.

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